

## **OEWG-VI/22: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE)**

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Recalling* decision VIII/5 on the Basel Convention Partnership Programme, including its recognition of the need for greater engagement of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in future partnership work, and its encouragement to Parties, signatories and stakeholders to provide financial support to the Programme, including in-kind support,

*Acknowledging* the ongoing discussions among all stakeholders who have expressed an interest in partnerships and other activities under the auspices of the Basel Convention related to the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment,

*Welcoming* the progress made by the preparatory group of experts on the public-private partnership for the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment,

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of an interim group on the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (hereinafter “the Partnership”) in the period between the sixth session of the Open-ended Working Group and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Invites* Parties, signatories and all stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, to nominate participants to the interim group on the Partnership to the Secretariat no later than 19 October 2007, having regard to the specific expertise and experience required for the activities of this Group;

3. *Welcomes* the fact that the interim group on the Partnership will develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, including:

- (a) A draft work plan for the 2009–2010 biennium;
- (b) Terms of reference, including an outline for the proposed structure of the Partnership;
- (c) A declaration of commitment for members of the Partnership, containing a limited time frame of membership, as agreed by members;
- (d) Identification of other activities relevant to the work of the Partnership that build on lessons learned and avoid duplication;

4. *Takes note* that the interim group on the Partnership will:

- (a) Identify, encourage and, if possible, facilitate balanced and diverse participation of private sector and other stakeholders in the Partnership;
- (b) Explore mechanisms for providing sustainable and predictable financial support for the Partnership;

5. *Notes* that the Secretariat will facilitate the work of the interim group on the Partnership, including through the provision of relevant information and data and in the organization of consultations, preferably through electronic media or, if needed, through face-to-face meetings;

6. *Requests* that progress by the interim group on the Partnership be reported to the Conference at the Parties at its ninth meeting for its consideration.